

[English]

Upliftment of Rural Youth

4816. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of boys and girls of the age group of 6 to 14 years living in Rural/Tribal/Village areas of Andhra Pradesh have to spend their entire lives in rearing, milking and feeding the cattles etc.;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any measures for their economic and Social upliftment;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have made any efforts for identifying such youth who are lacking in proper education and economic livelihood;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof;

(f) the scheme/plans in operation at present for providing literacy/livelihood to such youth; and

(g) the details of new plans/scheme which the Government are formulating to improve their condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Homoeopathy Medicine

4817. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the problem being faced by the dealers and exporters of homoeopathic medicines in respect of production of homoeopathic medicine;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Government have received representations against its preliminary notifications dated 3.7.92 restricting the packing size to

30 ml of homoeopathic medicine containing alcohol more than 12% V/V. After examining the representations, Government vide its notification dated 22.2.94 have increased the packing to 100 ml for distribution to dispensaries and hospitals.

[English]

Roster System in N.M.M.L.

4818. SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether no proper recruitment has been made by the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons recruited alongwith the extent to which the reservation ratio in respect of SC/ST has been maintained so far;

(d) the manner in which the Government propose to fill up the posts reserved for SC/ST;

(e) whether the organisation has been resorting to ad-hoc promotion and the promotees are kept on ad-hoc basis for more than five years;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor stating the number of officials belonging to the non SC/ST category promoted on ad-hoc basis and the overall effect on the promotional chances of SC/ST officials as a result thereof; and

(g) the manner in which the Government propose to rectify the injustice, if any done to SC/ST officials?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Out of the 201 staff members in position, 50 belong to SC/ST community.

(d) Action is in hand to fill up the posts reserved for SC/ST as per existing norms

(e) to (g) Pending approval by the Competent Authority of the restructured pay scales recommended by the Re-organisation Committee for attracting qualified persons to work in the organisation for higher posts, it was considered essential in the interest of the organisation to fill up 18 vacancies on an ad-hoc basis. Out of these 18 ad-hoc appointees, 2 were recruited directly and 16 promoted departmentally, including 3 belonging to the Scheduled Castes.

Plague Control

4819. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases has identified Bangalore as "Foci" for intensified plague surveillance after the outbreak of the dreaded disease called black death;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to prevent the outbreak of plague in Bangalore;

(c) whether the Government have released special funds to Karnataka to implement the plague control measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Plague Surveillance Unit of national Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Bangalore in collaboration with Central Plague Laboratory, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, and in coordination with State Health Departments is conducting redent survey regularly and is maintaining a sero-surveillance to identify incidence of *Y. Pestis* infection in three States—Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka for the last 16 years.

Appropriate plague control measures such as anti-rodent and flea control measures, intensified surveillance and health education to community are being undertaken by the State Government to prevent any outbreak of plague.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 25 lakhs was released to Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore for upgradation of laboratory facilities.

Use of Monosodium Glutamate in Food Stuffs

4820. SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that 3% of Monosodium Glutamate was found in the chemical examination by the Health department of Karnataka in a sample of Kentucky Fried Chicken;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 1% of Monosodium Glutamate is permissible in food stuffs under relevant Indian laws;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government against the Kentucky company for such violation;

(e) whether his Ministry has also taken any such samples for examination; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof, and the action taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) It has been reported by the local Health Officers of the State Govt. that a sample of fried chicken drawn by the Bangalore Mahanagar Palika from M/s Kentucky Fried Chicken, Bangalore was found on analysis to contain 2.8% of Monosodium Glutamate

(c) As per the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, Monosodium Glutamate may be added provided the total Glutamate content to ready-to-serve food does not exceed 1%. However, it shall not be added to any food to be used by the infants below twelve months.

(d) Charge sheet has been filed against the firm under the provision of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 by the concerned State authorities.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Fund to Universities for Purchase of Books/Journals

4821. PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has been providing funds to different universities for purchase of books and essential journals; and

(b) if so, the details of requests received, and the funds released during the last two years, University-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Evaluation of CBSE Papers

4822. SHRI ASHOK ARGAL :
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :
PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been widespread complaints about erroneous evaluation of CBSE examination papers, particularly "Class X Social Science" and "Class XII Business Studies" in March, 1996 Examination;

(b) whether the CBSE has conducted any inquiry/re-checking/re-evaluation in this respect; and